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(*b*) for repairs, maintenance and improvement of the existing means of communication;

(*c*) for irrigation purposes; and

(*d*) what proportion does the total of (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) bear to the total grant under P. W. D. for means of communication and irrigation?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Nil.

(*b*) Rs. 25,366, Rs. 22,466 and Rs. 26,096, respectively.

(*c*) Rs. 996, Rs. 6,394 and Rs. 4,259 respectively.

(*d*) (*a*) Nil.

(*b*) 1·78 per cent., 1·25 per cent. and 1·65 per cent. respectively.

(*c*) 1·05 per cent. 4·33 per cent. and 307 per cent. respectively.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With regard to part (*d*) may I know whether the percentage given, namely 307, is correct?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is 3·07. Obviously, it is a printer's devil.

Motor Accident at Vadasseri.

193. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*):

(1) Are the Government aware that a motor bus ran over a pedestrian at 9 A. M. on the 8th November, 1926, near the fish market at Vadasseri and caused his immediate death?

(2) If the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and state whether it is a fact or not?

(3) Is it a fact that the brakes failed to act when applied and caused the death of this man?

(4) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date when this bus was examined;

(*b*) the name of the person who examined that particular bus;

(*c*) his qualifications;

(*d*) whether he has any training in motor engineering, and, if so, where and for what period;

(*e*) the period of practical experience, if any, he has in motor engineering, and, if so, where and for what period; and

(*f*) whether he has worked in any motor workshop, and, if so, where and for what period?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The answer is in the affirmative.

(2) In view of the answer to part (1), this does not arise.

(3) No; enquiries show that it was not the failure of the brakes to act when applied, that caused the death of the man.

(4) (*a*) 1st September 1926.

(*b*) Mr. K. Raja Raja Varma, Assistant Engineer.

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(c) (i) Bachelor of Engineering of the Madras University.
(ii) M. E. (Honours) of the College of Engineering, Madras.

(d) The College course includes study of motor mechanism also.

(e) and (f) He has undergone one years's practical course in Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Workshops, where there is a separate motor section. He is also reported to be in touch with up-to-date motor mechanism.

Particulars re Motor Engineers.

194. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement showing:
(i) the names of the Motor Engineers now in the State service;
(ii) their qualifications:
(iii) the pay drawn by each; and
(iv) the service put in by each on the 1st Medam 1102?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (i) to (iv) There are no officers in the State service designated Motor Engineers. There are, however, a few officers in the Public Works Department possessing qualifications to test the mechanical and structural safety of motor vehicles. A list* of such officers is laid on the table with their qualifications, pay and service.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer to part (i) of my question, may I know from the member whether the answer given is correct?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are no Motor Engineers and hence it is correct.

MR S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I refer the member to page 54 of the Budget and page 53 of the Civil List, where a Motor Engineer's post is provided for?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is a designation in the Royal Stables. It is not in the general service.

MR S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Is it not State service?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is State service.

Admission of Students to the Junior Intermediate Class of the Science College for 1927-28.

195. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the admission of students to the Natural Science branch of the Junior Intermediate class, Science College, will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether students who were not included either in the original or supplementary list of admissions published by the College authorities

* *Vide* Appendix I—page 974.

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